

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place," Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.
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Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the 20th Annual Assembly

Mrs. Nora Chambers.

As we gather together at the Annual Assembly each year we are reminded of the great annual feast of olden times which took place at Jerusalem. On the day of Pentecost they were gathered together, "from every nation under heaven." If the Church of God continues to go by leaps and bounds like she has during the past year no doubt in a few years we can say the same of her.

We were also reminded of the early church as we noticed the twelve elders and the seventy and thought of that Scripture in Proverbs. "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

Our people must have felt safe, judging from the restful, contented, and happy look on their faces while attending this great Assembly.

We have the pleasure of giving you a brief outline of the last three days of the Assembly.

Friday—As the days passed by, interest and enthusiasm increased. After feasting for three days we were by this time truly sitting together in heavenly places. The shouts and praises to God were inspiring and encouraging to the saints. The power, and presence of the Lord was manifested in every service.

After the usual praise service Brother Jackaway from Canada, tells of his appreciation of the American people, government and country, and of the power of Catholicism in Canada.

Brother Letsinger spoke on the Evangel, a few of his remarks were as follows: "I am glad of the opportunity of speaking for the Evangel, because I believe it to be the best paper in the world. I don't consider that there is any other paper as dear to us as the Church of God Evangel; it comes first, it is next to the Bible to us. One reason I love the Church of God Evangel so is because it is not an individual paper, this paper does not belong to Brother Lee or Brother Llewellyn, they are only servants for the paper. This paper is very important in many ways, it fills our souls when we read the good things it contains. When we see anything in the Evangel, we know that it is the truth. One reason it is a success is because of prayer. The good people working in the Evangel office pray over this paper each week before it is sent to the post office, they ask God to bless it and make it a blessing to those who read it. So let us show our appreciation of this paper for we all love it dearly."

Brother E. E. Simmons from Jamaica told what a blessing it was in sowing the seed and going where they could not go in Jamaica and that it should be sent to every foreign field.

Brother Biggs told how he had been taking the paper for years, and how much they loved the Evangel and had never burned a copy but read it and sent it to others to read. A number told how they were healed by laying the Evangel on their bodies when sick, and a number of others told how they loved the Evangel and their appreciation of the paper. 245 subscriptions and renewals were given.

At 11:00 a. m. Brother J. S. Llewellyn delivered a message

on, "The Need of the Hour," which was very instructive and inspiring. He attributed the success of the church to the ministers and members on the field and the prayers responsible for the success of this Assembly, and proved that the time had come for us to enlarge our borders. We pass this message by as it will probably be given in a later issue of the Evangel.

The healing services from 5:30 to 6:30, conducted by L. G. Rouse were very interesting. The messages he gave in the beginning of the service to increase the faith of the afflicted ones were sent forth by the power of the Holy Ghost. Many were healed and went on their way rejoicing.

The music during the Assembly was simply grand. The congregational singing, select songs, solos, duets, quartets, and brass band from Tampa, Florida, furnished a variety of music for the occasion. Also Brother Newman was present and as he sang "Let's Go Home" the song had not lost its power, and as usual when singing this song the saints shouted and rejoiced in the presence of the Lord. The beautiful strains of music filling the large Auditorium from time to time made us all feel that we were having a foretaste of heaven.

Brother T. L. McLain gave a very interesting discourse on, "Fellowship." He stated that he could feel the fellowship at this Assembly and the way to have fellowship was to do right, and to break fellowship, to do wrong, if we give ourselves entirely to the Lord we will have fellowship and if we are in Christ we will have fellowship one with another.

This message was followed by a sermon by Brother Moreland. Text, Prov. 1:25; a warning to the unsaved to prepare to meet God. All those who have heard Brother Moreland preach know how to appreciate his messages.

Saturday—We are now nearing the close of the Assembly and we cannot tell that the great throng of people are diminishing. While some leave others come to take their place.

A message was given at 11:00 a. m. by T. A. Sears on "Suffering for Jesus." He impressed upon the minds of the congregation the suffering of Jesus and His followers. If we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him. In the afternoon Brother David LaFleur, Overseer of the colored work, gave a report of his work. This report was very encouraging. The membership in Florida has increased 81 making a total of 581 members; the Sunday school work is progressing and the orphanage work is making a success.

At 2:30 p. m. address by J. B. Ellis to the ministers. This message was very instructive and edifying to the ministry and we hope to give this in full in a later issue. Considerable business was transacted during the day.

Saturday night was in charge of our colored people. Service conducted by Brother David LaFleur. The colored people came on the platform, sang, shouted, danced, talked in tongues and praised the Lord in the "old-fashioned way."

The different states were represented and a short talk and song from each delegation.

Our colored people were on fire

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Some Rulings of The Assembly READ AND BE WISE

F. J. Lee

Many of you who were at the Assembly heard the discussions on different subjects, also you know of the adoption of several items.

(1) I will speak of bobbing the hair. Please let all the fair ladies remember that Paul said that a woman who had her hair shorn was looked on the same as if she had it shaven. 1 Cor. 11:5, 6. I suppose this would mean, the same as if she were "bald headed," so the Church of God has decided that she had enough bald head men and didn't need any bald head women at all, so at the last Assembly a unanimous action was taken against women bobbing their hair. Let all the good sisters remember to warn the daughters who are inclined to be unruly on this line.

(2) The bathing proposition was taken up and a unanimous action was taken against Church of God members going into public bathing places with the opposite sex, clothed in a half nude manner. This abomination was readily denounced by the Church of God which is determined to go the clean and holy way.

(3) Attention was called to a former action of the Assembly, that all ministers should tithe their offerings and send same to Headquarters. Also suggestion was made that this explanation be placed in the minutes. The requirements are that all ministers shall pay tithes.

(4) An action was passed that the local churches may have exhorters, these are to be set forth by the church in conference, the pastors and the state overseer signing their credentials. These may be revoked by the same officials when the exhorter proves himself unworthy for the position. Credentials may be had at the general office.

(5) An action was passed that the questionnaire for the ministry be somewhat revised, striking out some items by numbers and replacing some. This will be delayed a little.

(6) An action was passed that any evangelist may be allowed to perform marriage ceremonies if he is pastoring a church or churches. He will receive an additional recommendation or credential to attach to his regular license. Of course, his privileges only coming within the bounds and requirements of the law within

the state where he is doing pastoral work.

(7) There was a ruling passed that we should have a form prepared to present to churches that are desiring to be identified with the Church of God. This form is to set forth the requirements, with blank for the applicant to fill in. This form is to apply to a body or association of churches as well as to individual churches.

(8) An action was passed ordering that a booklet be compiled, consisting of the teachings of the Church of God. This is in order that the prominent teachings may be brought together in an abridged way, but easily referred to. This is intended for general instructions.

(9) An action was passed that we should have special orphanage days for soliciting for the orphanage work. These days are to be the second Sunday of every other month, beginning November, 2d Sunday, January, 2d Sunday, March, 2d Sunday, May, 2d Sunday, July, 2d Sunday, September, 2d Sunday. Do not forget the orphans.

The 2d Sunday of the intervening months are to be used for Mission Sundays, this being adopted in a previous Assembly.

(10) Another action of the Assembly was that each Church should raise one dollar to each member, this to be used for missions. For instance if a church has ten members, that church is to raise ten dollars during the year. If the church has one hundred members, she is to raise one hundred dollars, etc.

The Church of God must encourage the missionary spirit. Each pastor remember to tell your flock each second Sunday in December, February, April, June, August, October that this is Mission Sunday. Get all the mission money that you can, but especially remember that each church is to raise its quota, one dollar per head.

An amendment was made to the above item that if the minister pastoring a church could not be with his church on the second Sunday of the regular selected months, he may arrange these dates to suit the convenience of church and pastor.

We hope that these explanations are clear and simple enough that none will be misunderstood or overlooked, but all pastors and churches fall in line and let us move on for another successful year. Amen.

DELIGHTS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD

EAST LYNN, W. Va.—I am praising God for the great Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth, that was purchased by His own Son's blood.

After preaching several years and getting the great baptism of the Holy Ghost, God showed me through Brother L. G. Rouse's preaching that He wanted all these lively stones in the building, the Church of God. So I became a member and have so much joy now that I sometimes feel like joining again. Pray for me. A true blue Church of God minister.—W. S. Ross.

DESIRES TO GO ALL THE WAY

I am praising God to-day for salvation through the blood of Jesus. I am praising Him who saved and sanctified me. I have a desire to go all the way with Jesus, and expect to by His help.

I praise Him for sending a Church of God preacher this way. Brother Jack Duke and wife came here and set a church in order at Oak Grove.

We have a very good Sunday school and our meetings are real good. We have prayer meeting Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Please pray for the saints here.—J. A. Mootes, Verbena, Ala.

THE GREAT TWENTIETH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF CHURCHES OF GOD

E. C. Clark

I just want to say a few things about the 20th Annual Assembly of the Churches of God. Well, to say the least of it, it is like the features of my Christ no artist can depict it, just so can none of those in attendance describe this great Assembly.

I will say this, it was the greatest Assembly we ever had, the delegation was larger, the singing was better, the preaching was better, the reports greater and better in every way. The fellowship of the entire Assembly was wonderful, no crosses, no hard saying was seen or heard, the brethren seemed to enjoy perfect unity and fellowship, the sisters seemed to have an unusual love and respect one for the other.

I was very much encouraged as I saw the great hand of God so wonderfully working in behalf of His Church, everything seemed to be well settled, and the various departments of the work in general showed a good healthy, progressive, spirit, keeping pace with the growing demands of the Church. The constant growth of the Church has called for heavy publications in all branches of the Publishing House. And I am sure we were all glad, when we heard the report read, stating the Publishing House was out of debt, and had several thousand dollars of accounts payable to the Publishing House.

That was fine. I am sure we all appreciate the faithful service of our Editor and Publisher, J. S. Llewellyn, he has proven himself to be equal to the occasion, and the man of the hour.

And now let us all pray for Brother Llewellyn as his labor is heavy in the Publishing House, and the Orphanage work. Again I say, let us all pray God's blessings upon him.

I will also mention the Orphanage. It is plain to see that this great work is also growing and is receiving the best of attention. The care and training of these little ones seems to be with great interest, love and respect by those that are possessed with wisdom and motherly love. Let us also help in this great work by our offerings, donations and prayers for God's blessings upon them.

Well, this Assembly had much to do with convincing men that this is the Church of God. The large delegation, regardless of the financial depression, and the enemies' plans to hinder, proves that the Church is being manifested, and is daily growing in the minds of the public. The staple government of the Church of God is proving the reality of her workings and is to-day in demand as never before. The Pentecostal people are tired of the wish-wash, every fellow do-as-he-please-own boss, way of doing things, and are seeing the necessity of being under the Biblical and methodical way of doing things for God, and are coming to the Church of God, for help and protection.

And now preachers let's go to it to make this year, yet in keeping with the times, a greater year than the past one. We need preachers that pray, preach, work and sacrifice for God, as those that have faith in God and what they are doing is right, and are determined to make it succeed.

Well we were made to regret the closing of the Assembly, and see the various ones that love one another having to part, again out into the cold chill of the world, for indeed we labor that at last we be one in Christ,

and be where such blessings as were enjoyed in the Assembly will last forever, and where we shall see Him as He is, but of a necessity we all need to return to our fields of labor; and after we had shaken hands with our dear Brother Lee, who had presided over the Assembly in such a splendid way, also Bro. Payne, who has worked hard for the Bible School, to bless the enquiring minds of his student-body, and a few of the other precious ones we could, we said good-bye and was off. Thus the Twentieth Annual Assembly closed, after one week of continuous blessings which had lifted those present to a state of splendor and ecstasy, which can only be enjoyed by those in happy communion with Him who is waiting to bless the needy.

We left Cleveland Monday morning, Oct. 26, with our precious Brother Moreland and family, and on we were speeding with the hundreds and even thousands, returning from the Assembly, some to the East, West, North and South, as we were speeding on our dear Brother Moreland at the wheel of his Maxwell coach, with the speedometer reading 30-35-40 miles per hour, on through the fields of "Sunny Tennessee" into the green fields of Virginia, listening to the purring of the motor as on we went.

Sometimes to sing a chorus, followed by a red hot gush of tears as we thought of growing responsibilities upon us, and as we looked at the golden hue of the trees, caused by the fading kiss of the golden sunlight, we were reminded that the golden sunlight of the Gospel was setting behind the Western hills of prophecy, and soon will fade from view all that mortality has possessed as the fading leaf, but oh the rising or coming of the Sun of Righteousness from the East, the Morning Light of a new day, shining in all its fullness upon previous paths of prophecy, redeeming, blessing, unfolding to us God's love, His glory, and happiness waiting for us, say glory.

Well, now resuming our journey, on we went; 11:30 p. m., in the chilly night we landed in a mud hole, and after a tussle of about half an hour we were out, still had the victory, and on we went, but about 12:30 a. m. down went a casing, and out in the cold chilling breeze we went, and this was a good job, for the rim bolt was stuck, but at last, we nestled inside again the victory in our souls, on in the morning of the night we went. Until at last at 2 a. m. we left our dear Brother Moreland, entering the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, on his way to Cumberland, Md., for a few days with relatives, we boarded a fast train over the N. & W. for our home at Logan, W. Va., where we found our precious loved ones waiting for us. We were glad to return to them and be in the home of our dear Brother McMullin, in whose home we have resided for several months; we have been entertained in his home more as a guest. With great care they have provided for us. I have traveled all my life East and West, and been in many homes, but this home has had an unusual touch to this orphan boy, which I shall never forget; each one had love and respect for me, even the little children, little Edmund, the grandson seemed as glad to see me as anyone else gathered about to ask his pleasing boyish questions. (Continued on page 2)

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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Well the great Assembly has come and gone. We have celebrated the victories of the past. The most successful year in the history of the church has come to a close. We are endeavoring to close up the business of the Assembly year. It is now time to turn our attention to the plans and work of the coming year and confidently look forward for it to far surpass all others. This can be brought about by the hearty co-operation of all officials, ministers and members in every department of the church work. Many have resolved that they are going to co-operate more fully than ever before, seeing the unlimited possibilities in the development and spread of this noble work. Every official and minister should especially remember that by virtue of his position he is a legal and authorized representative of the Church in all of its interest. They should remember the public interest and seek to spread religious knowledge by the circulation of the EVANGEL, BIBLES, BOOKS, BOOKLETS, etc. Also remember the NEED OF THE ORPHANS, the BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, local and by correspondence. Dear reader, may we depend upon you?

We find from our correspondence that some of our readers are still meeting with some difficulty in getting their paper. We are informed that one subscriber insisted on the Postmaster looking for his paper, he turned to a box or basket and searched out five or six papers neither of which bore the same date. We have been informed that many are thrown in the waste basket and burned in the back yard of the Post Office. Therefore we especially request all of our subscribers to advise us by mail of any irregularity. These are filed away for the proper authorities to look over when the time comes. Please co-operate with us in correcting these difficulties.

The public man who does not become indifferent to public opinion is not at his best.

Among some things the public man has to learn is to have his words twisted or perverted by fools.

Some folks want to do their part by dreaming, as dreaming is not very hard work.

Real spiritual discernment is fine, but carnal imagination is not so good.

Talking in tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance is like honey dripping from the rock, but muttering in self defense sounds worse than nothing.

Some folks boast of being free, white and full 21, but are correct only as to age.

Some white folks have dark ideas, so when it comes to business it is best to have it in black and white.

Subscribe or renew for the Church of God Evangel while you can get it for \$1.00 per year. Thank you.

We are delighted to announce the receipt of one fine car load of coal donated to the Church of God Orphanage and Children's Home by our friend and brother, G. W. Gambill, Saldee, Ky. We further acknowledge receipt of one-half freight rate by the L. & N. railway company and the Southern Railway System. This worthy institution is gaining favor with the friends of the fatherless, motherless and helpless of our land. For and on behalf of this institution we express our appreciation of this valuable donation.

NOTICE

We, the Church of God, at Alachua, Fla., desire to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Mrs. Ocilla Landress, Freida Landress, L. E. Laneir, Mrs. L. E. Laneir, Eugenie Blunt, J. L. McClellon, Sister Virdie McClellon, Miss Marjorie Bowen.—Mrs. A. R. Cain, Clerk, R. 4, Box 5, Alachua, Fla.

Evangel Soul Food

I feel led to send in my testimony to the dear Evangel that is food to my soul. I enjoy reading it so much that after I have read it through, I feel like I have been in a good prayer service.

I praise the dear Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. Although I feel lonely here sometimes as I am the only Church of God woman in this place. I am just praying and longing for some Church of God preacher to come this way.

Brother Kennedy from N. C. came and held a three weeks meeting. He and his wife did some good preaching and this place was greatly uplifted. Praise the dear Lord.

Please pray for my unsaved husband, that he may get back to the Lord before it is too late. I have four children and I want to raise them in the right way, so when they grow old they will not depart from it. I have never given them a dose of medicine, and I do not remember ever taking any, myself. I am so glad I have a good father and mother who taught me the right way. Hallelujah!

Please pray for me that I may ever stand true to the Church of God, for I know it is the one the Bible tells us about. I want to live so humble that I will draw some one to Christ, and be ready when He comes or calls.

Ava Lipham,
Lanett, Ala.

Revival at Selma, N. C.

We have fought a hard battle with King Jesus as our leader. He led us right and we have gained the victory.

For awhile the enemy tried to discourage us because there was such a few members here. He would tell us we had just as well quit that the Church of God would not amount to anything here. But we kept holding on to God for a revival.

One Tuesday night at prayer meeting there were only seven of us. The Lord met with us and it seemed as if a great cord of love was drawing us together. On the following Sunday after S. S. we had prayer service, and we had a weeping spirit. The Lord showed us He would give us a revival. We began then to make plans.

The revival began. Brothers Williams and Turnage did most of the preaching. The Lord blessed from the beginning.

27 were saved, 22 sanctified, 20 received the Holy Ghost, 16 came into the Church and 17 followed the Lord in water baptism. The saints were drawn closer together than ever. The Lord still blesses in every meeting.

Ella Howell, Clerk.

MOUNTAIN REST, S. C.—I will sound a note of praise to my Saviour because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the Church of God. I want to stay in this way until Jesus comes or calls, for it is a good way to live in and a good way to die in.

Pray that I may stand true to Jesus.

I am the only member of the Church of God here. Pray God to give us a revival, and that my companion may be saved. Mrs. Gladys Winchester.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OF THE 20TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

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for God and have the victory, and the reports from the different states showed the progress of the work. A good collection was taken for the coloring orphanage, which they hope to open by the first of the year.

At 8:30 Sister Isola Irwin, our Spanish sister, gave a very deep, instructive, inspiring message, which was enjoyed by all present.

The Lord is blessing the colored people in their work. Their testimonies and songs were good and inspiring. This program was followed by a good altar service.

Sunday, Oct. 25 the last day of the Assembly, and a day long to be remembered on account of the presence of the Lord.

At 11:00 a. m. Brother J. M. Viney brought the message, subject, "Perseverance." A few remarks he made are as follows:

"I am glad that the Church of God is a literal, visible church, and is filled with people who are thrilled and filled with the Spirit of God. I want to say that we have come to this, the last day of the most wonderful Assembly of the Church of God. I have never in my whole life experienced such a time as we have had this year. In these days we are seeing that the Church of God is the greatest institution that has been upon the face of the earth from the beginning until this time. While we are trying to build the Church of God, the devil is trying by every way to keep the work down. We need to get to where we will have that persevering spirit in our soul and then the Church will grow. It means something for us to persevere with God. He has His hands upon those who will persevere. We need men and women with the grace, grit and backbone that will persevere with God and if we stand true God will answer our prayers."

Sunday Afternoon.—The orphanage program was the most touching and interesting scene of the Assembly. The platform was arranged with chairs for the orphanage committee, the children and workers. While Sister Heath played a march the matrons, workers, and orphans (48 children) marched in and took their seats on the platform.

A few remarks from Brother Llewellyn as follows:

"I come to you this afternoon to introduce to you the most important work that the Church of God has ever entered into for years. I look on it as the most sacred and most important part of our work. There is nothing that rests heavier on my heart, and it is evident that this noble work is resting on the hearts of thousands of people up and down this broad land. The churches are interested. They realize the sacred relation they sustain to this noble work of gathering in the fatherless, motherless and helpless of our land. You take the grown up people, they may happen to misfortune, but they are able to readjust themselves to the conditions and make new and different arrangements to meet the unfavorable circumstances in which they are placed, but the precious little helpless, homeless and neglected children cannot do this, no one to care for them, no one to arrange for them, no one to bathe them and furnish them with clean clothing."

"I am glad, beloved, that the Church of God is waking up to the new responsibility that weighs heavier upon her shoulder. They could have gone on and continued to neglect the homeless but then we remembered Jesus the divine head of the church who loved the precious little children said, 'Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

"We are not having this program for a display but that you may know what the Church is doing for those who are not able to help themselves. Sister Kinsey, who has been here ever since the home started, came

without the promise of any definite sum only that we trust the Lord that her needs be supplied. These other good sisters are not here for what they get for their work but are here for this great cause. They are trusting the Lord to supply their needs. God is honoring their labor. The work is going on good, but, beloved, we are unable to take in near all applicants on account of the lack of room, the lack of means to feed, clothe and bed them all.

"By the next Annual Assembly I hope to see 500 of these little ones that have been brought in from up and down this land sheltered and cared for in our homes. We not only take in Church of God children, but we take others also. We cannot afford to turn our backs on the little children because their parents do not belong to the Church of God. But we have many of these little ones who belong to the Church, they have the Holy Ghost, speak in other tongues and dance under the mighty power of God just like you do."

This was followed by a few remarks by Sister Kinsey, the matron:

"I am glad this evening that I belong to Jesus and to the Church of God and to these precious little children. I am glad to say that my body has been touched so that I am able to be back here this year working and toiling for these orphans. We are schooling 30 children now and I ask you people to pray that God will send the means to start a Church of God Orphanage school for our children. I am glad that I am standing for the Church of God and its principles. We are trying to teach these little children to get ready for the coming of the Lord and that should concern us all to-day. When we see the condition of the world we know that surely the Lord is coming soon. We have our little worship every morning and night, and we are teaching them to love the Lord."

"Our little girls and boys help with the work and we do everything we can to be as economical as possible. We canned fruit all summer to do through the winter months. We want to extend our appreciation to the good people who have sent things in and helped us along."

The children's program consisted of songs, recitations, Bible questions and answers. While they sang, "On the Firing Line," the power of God came down, and a number of the children danced and shouted the praises of the Lord.

After the rendering of the program a collection was taken amounting to \$500.00.

Sunday Night.—The last service. The large Auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity. The last message was given by Brother E. M. Ellis, Overseer of South Carolina, which was very instructive and enjoyed by all present. The power fell while the great congregation sang, "When the Saints Come Marching In." At the close of this service the time had come to say good-bye, and with the usual farewell hand shakes and God-bless-you, each one returned to the different fields of labor, with a determination to do more for God and His cause this coming year than ever in the past.

Jesus Answers Prayer

I really feel that I should praise the Lord for His goodness and mercies to me. Some times the trials and temptations come so thick and fast, that it seems they are more than we can overcome, but I find the Lord will take us safely through if we only look to Him.

I praise God for the Camp meeting at Wimauma last June. I received the Holy Ghost on Wednesday before it closed on Sunday. When we meet conditions the Lord certainly will help us. We can't expect to get the baptism our way. We have to do some praying and praising.

I praise God for the great Church of God, the only church of which the Bible speaks. I praise Him too, for the understanding He gives us when we read His Word.

Pray for me that I may stand true.

Hallie Turner,
Parrish, Fla.

THE GREAT 20TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD

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tions, which we were glad to hear.

Well, we are now making ready to take up our labors in Missouri where we have been appointed, and soon we will leave loved ones here with whom we have labored for years, to take up our labors in a new field, though we have not seen those with whom we shall labor, yet we love them, and believe God has been in the appointment, and will do our best for Jesus, and ask an interest in your prayers.

My Peace I Give Unto You

I want to praise God for what He has done for me and the way He blessed my soul at the camp meeting at Branford, Fla. We had a wonderful time because of the presence of the Lord.

Six received the Holy Ghost and the altar was full of seekers when the meeting closed.

I thank God for such brave soldiers as Brother Self, who is true and faithful to the Church of God.

How I do praise God for the deep settled peace in my soul. Glory! glory! The human heart wants peace. We learn that Christ gives to His followers peace, and that peace brings joy along with other blessings. Real peace is what the world wants and Christ only can give it.

He promised the blessing of peace. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." These precious words fell from His loving lips, in the last long talk to His disciples before His crucifixion. He wanted to comfort them.

What more comforting promise could He have made? This is a peace gained by doing the Father's will or which comes with the Holy Ghost. It is no mere surface, but a deep rest for the inner life or the soul. If we would have this peace, we can gain it through faith in Him.

Before the birth of Jesus an angel told Zacharias, that his son, John the Baptist, was to be the forerunner of Jesus; that he would be great in the sight of the Lord, and that many would turn to God, thus guiding souls into the way of peace.

The angels on the night of Jesus' birth sang so the shep-

herds could hear. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace good will towards men."

All pray for me.
Julia Barnes,
2808 Morgan St.,
Tampa, Fla.

The Happiest Month Ever Spent

MATER KY.—I am thanking God for saving my soul on the 17th day of August and sanctifying me the 20th. I have received many blessings since.

Our pastor, Brother Allen, held a three weeks meeting here in August and God wonderfully blessed and many souls were saved.

I can never praise God enough for the blessings He has given me. I never want to turn back. This has been the happiest month of my life. God has given me a desire to go all the way, and I intend to by His help. I have not received the Holy Ghost, but am seeking with all my heart. I want all the saints to pray that I may receive the blessing, and that I may stand true till Jesus comes or calls.

I am only 19 years of age, and have just started in the way, so need your prayers.

A new born child of God,
Julia Drew,
Mater, Ky.

Decided to Obey God

I want to sound a note of praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords. I praise Him for loving me so. He saved my soul, sanctified and baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost. He is my healer.

The Lord called me to work for Him. I decided I would work each day and preach at night. I tried this one week and almost went blind. He caused Satan to affect my eyes so I could not see how to do my work or read my Bible, and I thought I was going blind.

I wondered why He let me get this way when I was working for Him. He showed me that He wanted all of my time. I finally decided to give Him my time, then He healed me, as soon as I obeyed. I am healed today. Glory to God!

I mean to obey my dear Saviour. I am at New Smyrna, Fla. where there is no Church of God. I have been here several weeks and the Lord has blessed.

Pray that the Lord will set up a Church of God here.

Susie Biggins,
New Smyrna, Fla.

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NOTICES

NORTHERN LOUISIANA
DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Northern District Convention will convene at Dunn, La., Nov. 15-17, D. V. Everybody invited to come and enjoy the feast with the Lord. All preachers, deacons, clerks and treasurers in this district are expected to be present.—J. C. Coats, Monroe, La., Overseer of Louisiana.

I would like to know the whereabouts of Sister R. M. Evans. She was at Nassau and at that time my name was Wrench Hall, now Mrs. W. A. Baxter, Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas.

Mr. Stanley Miller, of Craverton, N. C., desires to work on a farm owned by a Church of God brother. He is a married man with two children and a member of the church and would like to rent a farm near a good church.

We have several minister's examination sheets that we have not been able to consider yet on the account of the Assembly work, but we hope to get everything caught up soon and attend to every one.—F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

To the Churches of God in Kentucky:

I wish to meet the ministers and at least one representative from the churches as far as possible Nov. 13-15 at Ravenna, Ky., for the purpose of arranging our work in the State this year. I desire to get all the churches supplied with pastors by this time. All churches who have not had pastors placed, please send a representative or write a letter stating what you need. The ministers may do the same if they can't attend.—G. A. Fore, Overseer of Kentucky. My address is Box 202, Williamsburg, Ky.

To the Saints in Virginia:

As I have been appointed Overseer of the churches in Virginia for the ensuing Assembly year will say in the beginning: Let us all fall in line with the teachings of the Church of God and go over the top for Jesus. First, we should make our reports promptly each month to Headquarters, both ministers and clerks, whether we have a large report or small, send it anyway.

We want to see the church rise and shine, and each one can help her to do so by bringing your tithes into the store house and proving the Lord. Mal. 3:10.

Surely the Word of God is true, and He said He would open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there should not be room to receive. Do we believe this? If we do, let us get busy and see the Lord work.

Surely He will rebuke the devourer for our sake that has been trying so hard to tear the Church of God up in Virginia, and that is opposing the Bible and God's Church. He will surely fight for us as He did for Moses at the Red Sea, but we must remember that we are to keep the commandments of the Lord. I believe we have become a little slack, and that the Lord is directing this message for our good. We have a good hand of preachers on the field and it is our duty to give the tenth to supply their needs.

Let us all see if we cannot make some improvements along this line. The tithes should be used in the future as directed by the Assembly, found in the Minutes.

I and others have used the tithes to pay rent and other church expenses, but I have decided to put them where the Lord said to put them, and to give them where He said to, then we can feast while the windows of heaven are open. Thank the Lord, I feel good now.

I have just returned home from the 20th Annual Assembly, where we had a real feast, and I am fully persuaded that if we will do our part in the work, we can all feast again at the 21st

Annual Assembly of the Churches of God, and feel like we were at home.

Let us remember, the Lord promised to rebuke the devourer, which means sickness and pestilence from our body, the insects which devour our crops: boll weevils, bean beetles, potato bugs, rose bugs and all other bugs. He has also promised to make our bones fat, and that our soul should be like a well watered garden, whose waters fail not.

We well remember how the crops and gardens dried up in Virginia this year. The people no doubt who disobeyed God are the cause of this, so let us keep the commandments of the Lord and flourish as the palm tree.

We want to learn to obey our pastors and others who are over us in the Lord. Put your shoulders to the wheel and roll together and the church will glow, go and grow.

Once when we were on the farm we came across a man with a team that was stalled in the mud. I said to the boy with me, "Let's roll him out," and he remarked, "we cannot," but I insisted, so we got our shoulders to the wheel and with our aid the wagon was rolled out. If we had stood back this could not have been accomplished.

Now while the church has not stalled, and never will, yet we need your help financially and spiritually. Will you stand back and see others struggle, labor and pull and you look on?

When the Lord gave me the light on the Church of God, I thought I would just stand back and look on and see what they did, and join when they had built up a good church in my home town. But while waiting the Lord spoke to me and said, "I want you to help build it up, there is a work for you in My Church."

I wonder what the Lord will tell you. Fall in line and surely God will bless, and we will have a better report at the next Assembly than we had this time, though we had a good one, for which we give the dear Lord all the praise.

Let us learn to hold up our pastor before the Lord in prayer, and learn to smile at him instead of frown if such has been the case. We are all the Lord's children and brothers and sisters. I feel like you will do what you can because you love me and I love you and we all are interested in this great cause.

I am now praying and pleading with the Lord to direct in placing the district overseers and pastors, and earnestly desire your prayers that I may serve as a father and God sent servant. God bless all. I expect to see some of you soon.

Your humble servant in the battle for the right.—W. B. Davis, Jackson Ave., Pulaski, Va.

PASTORS FOR ILLINOIS

Bompas Creek, Bridgeport, Olney, Seminary—T. J. Milligan, pastor.

Carmi, Lawrenceville, St. Francisville—J. A. Bixler, pastor.

Christopher—J. L. Goins, pastor.

Eldorado—W. J. Milligan, pastor.

Harrisburg, Honey Comb, Ridgeway—W. A. Summers, pastor.

Marco, Mt. Vernon—Jno. O. Yates, pastor.

Johnson City—Ancil Newton, pastor.

Logan—Stanley Joplin, pastor.

Pittsburg—Webb McAnally, pastor.

Sesser—G. P. Gower, pastor.

West Frankfort—Tony Ford, pastor.

These were appointed by the State Overseer, M. W. Letsinger at noon, Nov. 1, 1925 at the State Assembly which convened at Eldorado, Ill., Oct. 30, 1925. 7:00 p. m. continuing to Sunday night, Nov. 1, 9:30 p. m.—M. W. Letsinger, Overseer of Illinois.

Blessing in Paying Tithes

SHAW, Miss.—As the time has come for all true Church of God preachers to take a firm stand for the Church, I want to hand in my little mite. Maybe it will help some one.

I began last spring to tithe my offerings and God began to bless my work and me too. Praise God. The offerings that I get are small but the Word says, to Owe no man anything but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Rom. 13:8.

Another Scripture says the love of money is the root of all evil. God help us. Sometimes these roots get in the way of our salvation. We get careless and fail to send in our reports as we should. I for one have reached the conclusion that if God will help me, I will pay my tithes, (all of them) let it be little or much. These little bits go to make up larger sums, and if all the preachers have done as I did, somebody has surely suffered.

God's Word says, "For who has despised the day of small things?" I am sure they are glad of these little reports. Jesus said in Matt. 25:40, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

James 1:12 says, Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. Surely we want that crown of life. God bless the great Church of God and all of its interest.

E. L. Wright.

To the Churches of God in Indiana, Kansas and Missouri:

This is to inform you that by virtue of the General Assembly and authority of F. J. Lee, General Overseer, I have been appointed as overseer of the above named states, and you may reach me by letter for the present at Desloge, Mo., in care of E. O. Sells, pastor at that place.

If you have any matters requiring my help at present write me as above, and as soon as I can I will be around to see you, and help you in the most efficient manner.

Any churches that have no pastor as yet might write me, and any pastors desiring a charge might also write me, stating your desires. And any amount of tithes or moneys designated for overseer of state may be sent me also as above, at the end of the month. Would be glad to have each clerk give me your name, address and location of your church, etc., as this will be a great help to me to find just where you are, as I am a stranger in your town. Notice of Appointment of State Evangelist:

Also I wish to call your attention to the fact that Evangelist D. R. Moreland has accepted the appointment of State Evangelist, you may reach him by letter at 12 N. Manchester Road, Kenmore, Ohio. I will say further that Brother Moreland is a fine evangelist, and any churches or places needing revival meetings will do well to secure his help, and if you would want him for a meeting soon, better write him at once, as this appointment has been so modified as to allow him to accept other important calls, from other states.

I would like to say also in preparing for revivals get your places large enough, as Brother Moreland is not interested in small campaigns, but wants to reach the people, and it is the larger campaigns that count and draw the crowds, also he is married and has a family to support and there should be a reasonable financial preparation for his services. Now come on boys, let's all pull together, work and pray as never before, and tell the public about salvation and the Church of God for this is our mission.

If your church is not doing as it should call a fast and pray: if you are discouraged, and in a hard place, pray and wait before God, and He will move things, the fire will fall, souls will be saved, you will shout, and feel good in your soul. We desire your prayers.—E. C. Clark, Overseer, Desloge, Mo.

DISTRICTS IN TENNESSEE
AND NAMES OF OVERSEERS

Campaign District—L. L. Turner, Overseer; churches, Campaign, McMinnville, Bone Cave, Short Mountain, Black Oak, Cassville, Ozion (Pumpkin Center), Judd's Grave Yard (Cookville), Johnson's Chapel, Ravenscraft.

Copperhill District—Ben Thomas, Overseer; churches, Copperhill, (C. Dunn, pastor), Tellico Plains, Hiwassee, Lenoir City.

Morristown District—D. A. Biggs, Overseer; churches, Morristown, Cedar Hill, Mt. Vale, Jefferson City.

Chattanooga District—W. F. Bryant, Overseer; churches, E. Chattanooga, N. Chattanooga, Daisy, Whiteside, Kelly's Ferry, Soddy, Dividing Ridge.

Cleveland District—S. W. Latimer, Overseer; churches, Kinser's Tabernacle, Oakley, Mt. Olive, Vancroft, Mineral Park, Birchwood, Ball Hill, Grasshopper.

Johnson City District—W. H. Rogers, Overseer; churches, Johnson City, Bristol, Elizabethton, Erwin.

Jellico District—J. L. Stootsbury, Overseer; churches, Jellico, LaFollette, Shipley's Grove.

Knoxville District—W. L. Hindman; churches, Knoxville, Maryville, Townsend, Sevierville, Providence, Solway.

Harriman District—E. C. Smith, Overseer; churches, Harriman, Armisthwait, Coalfield, Crab Orchard, Creston, Pleasant Hill, Catoosa.

Dayton District—John Burk, Overseer; churches, Dayton, Reed's Cross Roads, Greysville, Sale Creek, Red Oak Grove, Cranmoore Cove.

Sequatchie District—No overseer yet; churches, Rankin's Cove, Victoria, Whitwell, Dunlap, Brockdell, Old Cumberland, New Church, Pikeville, Lone Oak, Bellview.

Memphis District—No overseer yet; churches, Kenton, Ripley, Covington, Memphis.

Nashville District—No overseer yet; churches, Nashville, Portland, Tax Bluff, Dixon Springs, Sobel, Liverwort, Deep Springs, White Bluff, Charlotte.

Would be glad to get in touch with any preacher who is not tied up with any of the state overseers, as you will notice some of the districts have no overseers as yet.

Also there are several churches in these districts that have no pastors.

Let's work to make this the best and most prosperous year for the Church of God, that we have known.

Yours for souls,
T. L. McLain,
Overseer of Tenn.

Jesus is Coming Soon

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—It has been some time since I have written to the Evangel. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. The blessed Comforter, which He promised to send, came into my heart 16 years ago. Oh how sweet it is to feel His presence. I am established in the Lord and His Church. I am a member of the Church of God.

I have an afflicted son, and desire your prayers that the Lord will heal him, and save his soul.

The following are some verses the Holy Ghost gave me:

Oh, oh, Coming King
Thou art coming soon;
Loud let the echo ring,
We are half past noon.

The evening tide is rising fast,
It will spread over all the land;
Oh Christian heart, look up and shout,
And go at His command.

The turtle doves begin to coo,
We know that winter is past;
The olden times have come anew,
But harvest time still lasts.

I know my King is coming soon and want to be ready to meet Him in the air. The quickening power that the Holy Ghost brought to us is the same power that will take us up to meet the Lord in the air. Let us be faithful to the end.

Mrs. L. A. Lokey.

Tampa Church on Victory Side

Psalm 34:3.
Yes, praise and thanks be to God for all He has done among us here at Tampa Church of God. Surely it has been a wonderful year in Zion. We give God all the praise, for He has said without me ye can do nothing.

Our last victory was another great revival. Services started Sept. 10, ended Oct. 3. Good weather and much praying before God brought results. 15 were saved, 13 received the Holy Ghost, 9 baptized in water and 9 added to the Church. In all 48 received the Holy Ghost this Assembly year, 1925.

We had good help in the preaching besides Brother Williams our pastor we had to assist in preaching, Brother Keen, Combs, Crowder and Sister Alva McClure who gave valuable sermons.

The string band and the Tampa brass band furnished good music all through the meeting. We feel so grateful for our band of young people and our teacher, Brother Denison. He is truly sent of God to teach Churches the value of Spirit-filled choirs and instruments to be used to His glory. Praise God.

We had one all day meeting, and this day was filled with good things.—Sermons by Sister Annie Lindsey and other visiting saints.

We also had Brother Rouse with us one service and all felt strengthened, as people were healed according to faith. A wonderful Saviour is He.

Oct. 3 was another great day. Sunday school, 10 a. m., 11 a. m., preaching, 3 p. m. baptismal service and at night Lord's supper and washing the saints feet. Oh I wish I could with pen or tongue, describe the glory that filled the house of God, as the altar was crowded with the saints—keeping His command. As oft as ye do this, do it in remembrance of our Lord's death till He comes. Oh! hallelujah. May the blood cover all His own till He comes.

We surely appreciate our pastor, Brother Williams and our State Overseer, Brother Self. We hope it will be God's will for them to be with us another year.

Oh how humble we should be

for all God's great blessings to us.

Yours for service,
Rosa B. Murphy, Tampa, Fla.

Loves the Church of God

Haynes, Ark.—I want to praise God through the Evangel, because Jesus is all in all to me. I praise Him because five years ago He was merciful to me when I was on the downward road, and saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name.

I served the devil twenty-two years, and he never did give me joy, peace and happiness like I have had since the Lord came into my soul. And when we would get sick we would alarm everyone on the line phoning for the doctor, then maybe have to send after him after all. I have found a much better way to get relief now. Jesus can heal in just a moment of time. Praise His name. He is precious to me.

I love the great Church of God, which stands for the whole Bible. I am glad I am a little member of His family. I want to be true and ready when He comes for His bride.

Pray for my unsaved brothers and sister. Also that I may stay true to Jesus.

Mamie Johnson.

Notice to the Churches and Ministers of North Carolina:

I would like to meet the ministers of the western part of the state, and hear from each church, either by letter or representative at Tusquitee Church, near Haysville, Nov. 14-15, to arrange pastors for churches and outline the work for another year.

The ministers in the central part of state meet me at Gastonia, Nov. 18-19. I would like to meet the officials of the local churches too, as far as possible. Ones nearer the eastern part of state come to New Port Nov. 21-22.

If it is impossible for you to be at these places, write me at these places mentioned above, the one most convenient, and state your desires for another year.—Roy E. Blackwood, Overseer of State.

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Here we are again in the Church of God Bible School. The time seemed so long between the terms. We were real anxious for the time to arrive, while we miss some faces that were not here the last term we have many new added faces. All seem to be real glad they are here and especially the older students are very much enthused and are down to business to better equip and qualify themselves for the King's service. They seem to show their appreciation to God for His many good rich blessings by declaring they will better qualify themselves for greater service. He did so much for us, we want to do more for Him.

We did not come here just to have a good time (although we sure do), or to idle the time away. Some have made a great sacrifice to attend this term and no doubt but that all did so. We need your prayers and encouragement instead of your criticism. We are all just what we make ourselves and who knows but that many who attend this great school will be called upon to fill positions of honor because they prepare or qualify themselves. God holds the future in His hands, and as sure as Jesus delays His coming just that sure the young and rising generation will have to step in and carry on the good work already begun. They have better advantages and greater privileges than most of the pioneer preachers and should make good use of same.

We have one of the best teachers to be found for the Bible class, also have a nice and intelligent crowd of students. Will write more later.—E. L. Moore, Bible student.

BIBLE SCHOOL A GREAT INSTITUTION

I praise the Lord for the Church of God Bible School, which I have been permitted to attend. I feel that it is one among the greatest things the Church of God has to-day.

While on the field for the Lord this past year I felt the need so much of going to a place where I could study and receive instruction on the Bible but I heard so many people say if you go to the Bible School you will be criticised and laughed at until you will leave before you stay there any length of time.

Here at school we pray, sing, shout and cry. The Lord is with us in a marvelous way. Our souls are made glad when we enter school every morning and I am sorry any report ever existed about the Bible School that is false. We study the Word of God and every one has the privilege of asking questions.

I am reminded just here of a remark I heard once, a sister asked if a woodman lost any time if he took time to sharpen his axe. I say no. God needs workers that can prove by the Word of God what the Church of God stands for.

How can a person expound

DO NOT GIVE UP

Are you facing trouble my brother,
Is your last hope almost gone;
Have you almost given up trying,
Does everything seem to be wrong?

Can't you cast your cares upon Jesus?
Ask for more grace to carry you through;
Maybe your eyes have been blinded by trouble,
And clouds have been hindering your view.

But say! Glory still shines over yonder,
His great care to you still is free;
Salvation is real just the same,
As ever it used to be.

Angels are still hovering o'er

the Holy Scriptures unless he knows how to rightly divide them.

I felt that I was financially unable to attend the school, but we find where Paul said God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19.

I feel that when school is out every student will be better qualified to work in the vineyard of the Master. My heart's desire and prayer to God is that this message of salvation will reach fallen humanity before it is too late.

I desire your prayers.—Geo. A. Douglas, Bible student.

IN SCHOOL AGAIN

We praise God for the wonderful experience of salvation through the blood of His dear Son, on Golgotha's hill. It seems that we can almost see Him now, while hanging between earth and heaven on the cruel, rugged cross, giving His innocent life for a world of lost and dying, eternity-bound souls, not because duty demanded it, not because it was the decision of the blood-thirsty Roman mob.

As we all know the heavenly host was only waiting for the summons to take a trip to this unfriendly world to rescue the Son of God, but, it was the love bubbling up in His soul for lost humanity, that He suffered the terrible death, in order that we might obtain everlasting life through His suffering.

So it's in and through Him we are permitted to be in school again. At the close of the previous term practically every student agreed to boost the school and have as many students at the beginning of the next term as possible, as we left school expecting to bring some one else along, and some did this, while others failed, but there were a goodly number of advanced students, enrolled at the opening of the school, and quite a number of new students and others to be on hand in a few days.

God met with us at the opening of the school and His presence has been with us every day. Every student seems to be very much encouraged toward the progress of the school. We expect, by the help of God, to make this term excel all prior terms. We are delighted with the success of the school to date, and have accommodation for several more students, however, some are not financially able to remain in school throughout the term owing to the course pursued during this year, some have spent the entire time on the battle field trying to rescue fallen men and women from a life of shame and disgrace, to serve the true and living God, so if you pray for God to bless the school, listen for Him to tell you to put wings to your prayers and send money, food stuff, etc., to help the students, so come on and let us make this organ of the church a success because it is essential. Pray for the success of the school.—P. W. Chesser.

you,
Reaching out beckoning hands;
Loved ones around you are praying,
To keep you from deep sinking sands.

Just cast your anchor in Jesus,
He cares, and is pleading to-day;

Only you, in hard heartedness brother,
Have driven His Spirit away.

Come humbly, dear friend and seek Him,

From the very depths of your heart;

And He will accept you with gladness,

And great joy and peace He'll impart.

Your sister,
Emma Bohree,
Eden, Md.

THE IMPORTANCE OF POSSESSING THE MIND OF CHRIST

J. B. Ellis

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:5.

All true religion is connected with Christ; its doctrines He revealed; its principles He exhibited; its blessings He provided; its duties He enforced; its spirit He ever manifested.

The Christian then is one who believes these doctrines; who is influenced by these principles; who enjoys these blessings; who discharges these duties, and who evinces this spirit, and this is recognized in the text, where the Apostle says, "Let this mind be in you." etc.

In reference to this mind, let us, I Exhibit its nature. II The means of its attainment and III. The importance of its possession. Let us:

Exhibit its Nature.

What is that mind which was in Christ Jesus?

(1) It was distinguished for spiritual knowledge.

He was the true light. He came to shine in this world of darkness and sin. This light was the life of men; He came to bring life and immortality to light. He knew all things and through the Spirit is able to take the things of His and show them unto us, guiding us into all truth. In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. We may obtain wisdom by asking it of God who giveth to all men liberally. In these days of delusive spirits, it is so easy for us to be swept off our feet by fanatical demonstrations and other foolish practices. Dear ones, we are to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

(2) It was a mind of holy obedience. He loved God's law. It was His delight. Every desire and purpose and thought was in pleasing conformity to the spotless mind of God. It is possible for the saint of God to be so filled with His Spirit that it will become his highest delight to do God's will, "Obedience is better than sacrifice." If we say we love Him and do not keep His commandments we are liars; He that loveth Me will keep my sayings. "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." It stood the test, while they who hear and do not obey are lost.

(3) It was a mind of pure devotion. The whole career of Christ was distinguished for this. Every day He held the closest communion with God. He spent whole nights in prayer. Often after a strenuous day's work He retired to the mountain side and spent hours communing with God. All His miracles and discourses were connected with prayer. It was displayed when He was baptized; when He was tempted; when He was transfigured; when in the garden; when on the cross, yes, devotion was the element in which He lived and in which He died.

(4) It was a mind of meekness. Moses is said to have been the meekest man of earth, but Jesus excelled him in meekness. Under circumstances of provocation Moses gave down, but Jesus never. When reproached, when classed with demons, when associated with publicans, harlots and thieves, He displayed the most perfect self-possession and composure. He never displayed unholiness, or a spirit of revenge. He wept over His vilest enemies, and in a dying hour prayed for them.

(5) It was a mind of self-abasement. Though sovereign of angels and Lord of lords, He became a servant of servants. He affectionately served His enemies; He served the world, the poorest of mankind. He condescended to the lowest office and washed the disciples' feet. He avoided the honors the people desired to confer upon Him, and, "He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the

State Overseers

Appointment of State Overseers for the Ensuing Assembly Year Are As Follows:

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California.—A. F. Sutter.
Colorado.—O. R. Rouse.
Delaware.—H. W. Poteat.
Florida.—J. A. Self.
Georgia.—John L. Stephens.
Illinois.—M. W. Letsinger.
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Jamaica.—T. A. Sears.
Kansas.—E. C. Clark.
Kentucky.—G. A. Fore.
Louisiana.—J. C. Coats.
Maryland.—H. W. Poteat.
Maine.—H. W. Poteat.
Michigan.—M. P. Cross.
Mississippi.—G. C. Dunn.
Missouri.—E. C. Clark.
Minnesota.—Paul Walker.
Montana.—Paul Walker.
New Mexico.—O. R. Rouse.
North Carolina.—Roy E. Blackwood.
North Dakota.—Paul Walker.
Ohio.—E. Haynes.
Oklahoma.—A. L. Jenkins.
Pennsylvania.—H. W. Poteat.
South Carolina.—E. M. Ellis.
Tennessee.—T. L. McLain.
Texas.—R. P. Johnson.
Virginia.—W. B. Davis.
West Virginia.—H. N. Scoggins.
Colored Work.—David LaFleur.

cross." Lord give us more humility, take the love of praise and desire for honor and notoriety from us, and clothe us with humility.

(6) It was a mind of constant energy and activity. His meat and drink was to do His Master's will. It was said He went about doing good. His whole ministry was one scene of constant activity. His whole soul was devoted to it. The zeal of the Lord's house ate Him up. Oh! how we should strive to imitate Him in employing all our time and energy in the Lord's cause.

(7) It was a mind of unparalleled benevolence, tenderness, and pity. This caused Him to undertake the redemption of a lost world. Oh! how He loved lost mankind. His soul was absorbed in the deepest interest for them. He lived, suffered and expired on the cross for them, and manifested a benevolence without a parallel. Great love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. He not only did this, but He gave His life for His enemies also. His life was benevolence embodied and exhibited.

These are some of the features that distinguished the mind of Christ. This is the mind which should be in all His followers, who profess to be His disciples. This is a state impossible to attain to without the presence and power of the Holy Ghost, but it is not promised that He will abide with us forever. Now in conclusion:

(1) Let the mind of Christ be clearly examined and studied by each of His followers.

(2) Let it be constantly kept before our eyes, that we may always be looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

(3) Let it be the desire of our hearts to conform to the mind of Christ. This can only be done by applying ourselves to meditation, reading, prayer, and supplication in the Spirit.

Old Time Brush Arbor Meeting

We went to Pleasant Hill, Miss. and held one week's meeting with great victory, in the name of Jesus. Bless His name.

6 were saved, 2 sanctified, 3 received the Holy Ghost and 3 added to the Church. Two of the number added to the Church were Pentecostal preachers. The Lord greatly helped us in giving out the Word.

This place is 25 miles from Memphis, in the edge of old Mississippi.

West Tenn. is sounding forth the Macedonian call, "Come over and help us." The harvest is great and the laborers are few. We would be glad to have some true blue Church of God preachers to help us.

Pray that we may stay humble and do service for our Saviour.
J. L. Dillingham,
Henning, Tenn.

Another Church in Texas

DESDEMONA, Tex. —I truly thank the Lord for the way He has blessed in Texas this year. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost, and I am a member of the Church of God. I love her teachings and government. It will soon be five years since I joined the Church and I am not tired of the way.

A short while after our camp meeting, Brother M. E. Drake from Ranger, Brother Woodall from Thurber and others came to the town of Desdemona and began to preach the real gospel under a large gospel shed, and God met with them in a marvelous way in giving out the Word and saving souls.

On the 12th of Sept. Brother R. P. Johnson and the writer came over to visit them, and Brother Johnson delivered a good message which was enjoyed by all. On Sunday we had service and spread dinner; had some nice barbecue and other good eats which were wonderful.

They surely took care of the workers with money as well as in other ways.

The meeting closed on Sunday the 13. I do not know just the number that were saved, but a week later Brother Drake set the church in order here with 10 members. Wife and I were left here to pastor the work, and a week later on Saturday night, four came to the altar and one received the Holy Ghost. On Sunday there were 8 followed the Lord in water baptism.

We are going to organize a Sunday school Sunday, and are planning to buy a building for a church house and get on the rock so we can stand the storms. There were two more mem-

bers transferred here making the total of 12 members.

We are praying that we will have Brother Drake with us here another year.

James C. Atkins,
Desdemona, Texas.

Fire Falling in Alabama

BESSEMER, Ala.—I want to sound a note of praise for what the Lord is doing for those who love and serve Him. I am praising Him for filling me with the Holy Ghost. I am not tired of the way and am trying each day of my life to get closer to God.

The writer has just closed a meeting at Lois Chapel, Searles, Ala. The Lord surely blessed. We only held the meeting 8 nights and 6 were saved, 9 sanctified, 2 received the Holy Ghost, 11 added to the Church and 11 baptized in water. We sure had a wonderful time. The saints had a great feast.

We can't praise God enough for His great blessings there. Visiting ministers came in all during the meeting and we surely appreciated their help. Bro. Guthrie was with us most all the time.

During the meeting the Lord saw fit to call one of the members, Sister Bertie Herring, away. We were very much grieved to give up her presence in the Church, but we believe our loss is heaven's gain. She was filled with the Holy Ghost and that is a great consolation to those she left behind.

The meeting closed with the fire falling, and saints shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. We observed the Lord's supper and feet washing.

Pray for this Church that we may do the Lord's will and stay humble at His feet.

One of His servants,
Chas. G. Herring.

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